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Applicant : Masaaki Muramatsu et al.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the action dated January 24, 2002, be extended for five months to and including July 24, 2002.

Enclosed is a check for \$1960 for the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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